

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 07-01-04**

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Commission Meeting: January 4, 2007, 9:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, emailed to all persons who have properly requested notice by email, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located at <http://www.psc.mt.gov>.

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9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling (Commission Conference Room – No Web Audio Feed)

9:30 a.m. Business (Bollinger Room)

Public Comments

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Qwest N2006.12.182 (Scott)

On December 8, 2006, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 06-21, 2007 Super Offer Promotion. Qwest is planning to offer an 89-day Primary Rate Service (PRS) and Digital Switched Service (DSS) promotion to retail and Wholesale Business customers in Montana. This PRS/DSS promotion is only available

Retail and Wholesale business customers. Probable Motion: Approve Qwest's Tariff Transmittal 06-21 in docket N2006.12.182.

2. AT &T N2006.12.183 (Scott)

On December 8, 2006, AT&T filed Tariff Transmittal 2006-16. In this filing AT&T requests to make text changes for AT &T Prepaid Phone Service, decrease the AT&T Branded Prepaid Phone Card in-state decrements from 8 to 5, and increase the SmarTalk and ConQuest in-state decrement from 1 to 5. Probable Motion: Approve AT&T's Tariff Transmittal 2006-16 in docket N2006.12.183.

3. CenturyTel of Montana, Inc N2006.12.185 (Scott)

On December 7, 2006, CenturyTel of Montana, Inc filed Tariff Transmittal No. 06-12. CenturyTel is proposing to offer the following promotion: For a period of 90 days beginning January 6, 2007, residential customers who subscribe for a 12 month commitment can receive an access line, 256k DLS with Anti-Virus protection, 100 minutes of long distance calling, (\$0.12 per minute over 100 minutes), Voice Messaging, Call Waiting, and Call Forwarding for a package price of \$48.95 in the Hungry Horse and Kalispell exchanges and for \$50.95 in all other exchanges. Applicable nonrecurring charges are also waived. Probable Motion: Approve CenturyTel's Tariff Transmittal 06-12 in Docket N2006.12.185.

Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. D2006.12.176 – NorthWestern Energy – Application of NorthWestern Energy for automatic rate adjustment and tracking for taxes and fees – Placeholder – Discuss and act on any pre-hearing matters if necessary (1/4/07)
2. D2006.10.146 – Salish Shores Utility Corp. – Interim Rate Request – To consider the approval of the requested interim rates (1/4/07)
3. Legislative – Discuss bills and other matters related to 2007 legislative session (1/4/07)
4. **01/05/07 9:30 a.m.** – Legislative – Discuss bills and other matters related to 2007 legislative session (Commission Conference Room) (1/5/07)

Other Meetings

Weekly Scheduling – Will be held at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the Commission Meeting

1/2/07 2 p.m. – PSC organization meeting – Elect PSC chairman and vice-chairman and appoint Commission Secretary

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.mt.gov/Consumers/comments>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

1. Qwest N2006.12.189 (Scott)

On December 19, 2006, Qwest filed Tariff N2006.12.189 Calling card Revisions. In this filing Qwest is changing the interactive voice response platform. With technical changes to the calling card platform, Qwest will no longer be able to provide two features; speed dial and directory assistance; however, the customer will have the ability to directory assistance by dialing 1-NPA- 555-1212.

2. Qwest Corporation N2006.12.187 (Gary)

On December 15, 2006 Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed for Commission approval a Multi-State Agreement (MSA) between Qwest and Sterling Jewelers Inc. Qwest is filing the MSA with the Commission for approval pursuant to Section 2.18 (Large Business Customers With a Multi-State Presence) of its Exchange and Network Service Tariff, and pursuant to the Commission's April 16, 2004 Notice of Commission Action (NCA) in Docket N2003.10.149. Also pursuant to the NCA, Qwest filed proprietary cost information. The MSA is the result of bidding on a RFP issued by Sterling Jewelers for Voice, data, internet, and conferencing services for its stores within the Qwest region including its Montana locations in Billings and Missoula. The RFP sought bids from multiple providers.

Protective Orders – Notice Items The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 38.2.5007. The Commission will rule on

the requests no earlier than 10 days after the publication date of this agenda. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Any person wanting a copy of a protective order request should contact the Commission at (406) 444-6199.

Protective Orders – Information Items The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to ARM 38.2.5008. Copies of these orders may be obtained by calling the Commission at (406) 444-6199.

1. Cut Bank Gas Company D2006.2.15 (Martin)

A protective order, Order No. 6720d, was issued December 19, 2006, in the above matter, which is a CBG general rate case. The protective order is applicable to certain wage, compensation, and benefits information required in quarterly reports.

2. Cut Bank Gas Company N2006.10.157 (Martin)

A protective order, Order No. 6793, was issued December 19, 2006, in the above matter, which concerns information to be filed in CBG's annual reports. The protective order is applicable to certain wage, compensation, and benefits information required in annual reports.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

N2006.12.184 – NorthWestern Energy – Natural gas biennial procurement plan.
N2006.12.187 – Qwest Corporation and Sterling Jewelers Inc. – Line volume advantage agreement.

D2006.12.188 – Tongue River Electric Cooperative Inc. – Territorial boundary between Powder River Energy Corporation – Tongue River Electric Cooperative – Service territory realignment proposed term sheet.

N2006.12.189 – Qwest Corporation – Tariff Transmittal QC06-12 – calling card revisions.

D2006.12.190 – Yellowstone Pipeline Company – Proposed Montana Tariff PSC No. 45.

D2006.12.191 – Front Range Pipeline LLC – Proposed Tariff – Montana PSC No. 17.